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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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HIERARCHICALLY PARTITIONED IC LAYOUT

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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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